

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHES PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY, October 19, 2026, Council
Boardroom 2nd Floor Courtroom
5:30 p.m.

The Natchitoches Parish Council met in regular legal sessions in Parish Council room 211 on the 2nd floor of the Courthouse, on Monday, October 19, 2026, for a Regular meeting at five thirty (5:30) o'clock p.m. for the Natchitoches Parish Council.

Parish Council Chairman Marty Cheatwood convened the Parish of Natchitoches as the governing authority and stated that the Parish was ready to transact business.

Councilman Marty Cheatwood gave the invocation, and Councilman Wayne Halm led the Pledge of Allegiance.

After the roll call, the Council was present: Bobby Braxton, William Allen, Wayne Halm, Marty Cheatwood, and Mark Kerry.

Absent: 0

Council Clerk, Frederick, stated the Next Agenda Item:

Guests and special presentations:

Mr. James Maxwell, Risk Services of Louisiana.

Mr. Maxwell's son represented them on updating the Council on comments that were said on last month's meeting about their services that was given to the Parish for the Parish's insurance. Risk Services explained that it was a miscommunications error between both parties. Council listened and asked questions, but no action was taken.

Reports of Department Heads:

All reports are submitted online for public viewing.

Parish President- Mr. John Salter

The Parish President gave updates on Courthouse securities. Parish President had Mr. Bill Weatherford to speak on Solar Farms, Mr. Joey Creamer, Director of Public Works to Speak on Oil Sand and requesting the Council to do this project in house by purchasing a Pugmill, and Mr. Gary Jackson, requesting the Council to grant permission for the Parish President to purchase a new Scale House for Solid Waste, because the Scale House now is a liability issue. The Council approve/authorize both projects to be done when all the required procedures has been followed in the purchasing of those two items.

Council Clerk, Frederick, stated the Next Agenda Item:

Adopt the minutes of the Natchitoches Parish Council held at the Regular meeting on September 21, 2026.

On motion by Councilman Wayne Halm, duly seconded by Councilman Bobby Braxton, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt the minutes of the of the Natchitoches Parish Council held at the Regular meeting on September 21, 2026.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Halm, Braxton, Kerry, Allen, and Cheatwood
Nays:
Absent:
Motion Passed.

Council Clerk, Frederick, stated the Next Agenda Item:

Appointments of Boards and Commissions.
Consider adopting a resolution confirming.
Reappointments/Appointments to the Following Boards/Commissions.

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council Clerk, Frederick, stated the Next Agenda Item:

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

First Introduction of Proposed Ordinances:

- A. Council to Introduce Ordinance 028-2026 to authorize an Act of Sale by the Parish of Natchitoches to Sell Certain Adjudicated Properties (Parcel 9011477500, 9040122450, and 9095019900); and further providing with respect thereto.

On motion by Councilman Mark Kerry, duly seconded by Councilman William Allen, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance 028-2026 to authorize an Act of Sale by the Parish of Natchitoches to Sell Certain Adjudicated Properties (Parcel 9011477500, 9040122450, and 9095019900); and further providing with respect thereto.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Kerry, Allen, Halm, Braxton, and Cheatwood
Nays:
Absent:
Motion Passed.

- B. Council to Introduce Ordinance 029-2026 to reduce the speed from 35 to 20 on Collins Road.

On motion by Councilman Mark Kerry, duly seconded by Councilman Wayne Halm, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance 029-2026 to reduce the speed from 35 to 20 on Collins Road.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Kerry, Halm, Braxton, Allen and Cheatwood
Nays:
Absent:
Motion Passed.

- C. Council to Introduce Ordinance 030-2026 to reduce the speed from 35 to 15 on David Springs Road.

On motion by Councilman Marty Cheatwood, duly seconded by Councilman Bobby Braxton, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance 030-2026 to reduce the speed from 35 to 15 on David Springs Road.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Cheatwood, Braxton, Allen, Halm, Kerry
Nays:
Absent:
Motion Passed.

The Council Clerk stated the next agenda item

Public Hearings:

- A. Council to Adopt Ordinance 023-2026 for the Adoption of the 2027 Operating and Capital Budget.
- B. Council to Adopt Ordinance 024-2026 to amend Code 1984 Section 304, Littering, and Section 20-11, Abusive Use of Roads.
- C. Council to Adopt Ordinance 025-2026 to reduce speed from 35mph to 15 mph on Bayou Blue #618.
- D. Council to Adopt Ordinance 026-2026 to reduce speed from 35mph to 25mph on Coulee Loop #340.
- E. Council to Adopt Ordinance 027-2026 to reduce speed from 35mph to 25mph on Cloud Crossing Road.

On motion by Councilman Mark Kerry, duly seconded by Councilman William Allen, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session does hereby open Public Hearing.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Kerry, Allen, Halm, Cheatwood, and Braxton
Nays:
Absent:
Motion Passed

Discussions Part

- A. Councilman Allen is requesting that a line item be set aside for legal services to be added under the Council Line instead of being under General Fund.
- B. No comments.
- C, D, and E. all recommendations for reducing speed on these Parish Highways due to road conditions, and sand is being blown everywhere.

On motion by Councilman William Allen, duly seconded by Councilman Mark Kerry, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session does hereby close Public Hearing.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Allen, Kerry, Braxton, Halm, Cheatwood
Nays:
Absent:
Motion Passed

The Council Clerk stated the next agenda item:

Action on Proposed Ordinances:

- A. Council to Adopt Ordinance 023-2026 for the Introduction of the 2027 Operating and Capital Budget.

On motion by Councilman Mark Kerry, duly seconded by Councilman William Allen the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt Ordinance 023-2026 for the Introduction of the 2027 Operating and Capital Budget.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Allen, Braxton, Halm, Kerry and Cheatwood
Nays:
Absent:
Motion Passed.

- B. Council to Adopt Ordinance 024-2026 to amend Code 1984 Section 304, Littering, and Section 20-11, Abusive Use of Roads.

On motion by Councilman Mark Kerry, duly seconded by Councilman William Allen, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt Ordinance 024-2026 to amend Code 1984 Section 304, Littering, and Section 20-11, Abusive Use of Roads.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Kerry, Allen, Braxton, Halm, and Cheatwood
Nays:
Absent:
Motion Passed.

C. Council to Adopt Ordinance 025-2026 to reduce speed from 35mph to 15 mph on Bayou Blue #618.

On motion by Councilman Mark Kerry, duly seconded by Councilman William Allen, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt Ordinance 025-2026 to reduce speed from 35mph to 15 mph on Bayou Blue #618.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Kerry, Allen, Cheatwood, Halm, and Braxton

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passed.

D. Council to Adopt Ordinance 026-2026 to reduce speed from 35mph to 25mph on Coulee Loop #340.

On motion by Councilman Marty Cheatwood, duly seconded by Councilman Bobby Braxton, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt Ordinance 026-2026 to reduce speed from 35mph to 25mph on Coulee Loop #340.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Cheatwood, Braxton, Kerry, Allen, Braxton

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passed.

E. Council to Adopt Ordinance 027-2026 to reduce speed from 35mph to 25mph on Cloud Crossing Road.

On motion by Councilman Marty Cheatwood, duly seconded by Councilman William Allen, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt Ordinance 027-2026 to reduce speed from 35mph to 25mph on Cloud Crossing Road.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Cheatwood, Allen, Halm, Kerry, and Braxton

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passed.

Council Clerk, Frederick, stated the Next Agenda Item:

Resolutions:

Council to approve the Annual Parish Resolution for the annual off-system bridge review.

On motion by Councilman Mark Kerry, duly seconded by Councilman Wayne Halm, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session does hereby approve the Annual Parish Resolution for the annual off-system bridge review.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Kerry, Halm, Cheatwood, Allen, and Braxton

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passed

Other Agenda Items:

- A. Council to approve increasing the Natchitoches 4-H Club amount by \$5,000 (from \$20,000 to \$25,000).

On motion by Councilman Marty Cheatwood, duly seconded by Councilman William Allen, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve increasing the Natchitoches 4-H Club amount by \$5,000 (from \$20,000 to \$25,000).

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Cheatwood, Allen, Halm, Kerry, and Braxton

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passed.

- B. Council to approve the use of RedBird Auction Company for the auction of Parish surplus items and execution of all required documents.

On motion by Councilman Mark Kerry, duly seconded by Councilman William Allen, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve the use of RedBird Auction Company for the auction of Parish surplus items and execution of all required documents.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Kerry, Allen, Cheatwood, Halm, and Braxton

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passed.

- C. Council to discuss and consider the proposed 2021 International Property Maintenance Code Ordinance, including legal counsel's recommendations on final language and the required adoption process.

Mr. Matt Johns gave the Council a summary of the proposal for amending the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code Ordinance. He's going to get with Legal and go over everything and then present it back to the Council for approval. Also; they will decide if the Planning and Zoning Department will be getting their own Code Enforcement Officer or the Parish Code Enforcement Officer will be doing everything for both entities.

Visitors for Non-Agenda Items:

Elizabeth Methvin's, Byron Parrish, Mona Gilbertson, all concerning trash and garbage on the side of the highways on LA 1.

Regular Meeting
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Since there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned:

Adjourn

On motion by Councilman William Allen, duly seconded by Councilman Bobby Braxton, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adjourn.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

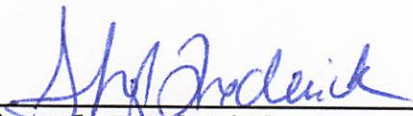
Ayes: Allen, Braxton, Kerry, Cheatwood, Halm,

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passed

Attest:



Sheryl Frederick,
Parish Council Clerk



Marty Cheatwood, Chairman